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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2017-D-2163]

Child-Resistant Packaging Statements in Drug Product Labeling; Guidance for Industry;
Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled "Child-Resistant Packaging Statements in Drug Product Labeling." This guidance is intended to assist applicants, manufacturers, packagers, and distributors who choose to include child-resistant packaging (CRP) statements in prescription and over-the-counter human drug product labeling. The guidance discusses what information should be included to support CRP statements and to help ensure that such labeling is clear, useful, informative, and, to the extent possible, consistent in content and format.

DATES: The announcement of the guidance is published in the *Federal Register* on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

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- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2017-D-2163 for "Child-Resistant Packaging Statements in Drug Product Labeling." Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly

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Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the

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You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of this guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002; or the Office of Communication, Outreach and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled "Child-Resistant Packaging Statements in Drug Product Labeling." In 1970, the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA) was enacted to protect children (under 5 years of age) from unintentional exposure to household substances including food, drugs, and cosmetics. Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, a drug that has packaging or labeling that is in violation of a regulation issued

pursuant to section 3 or 4 of the PPPA is deemed to be misbranded. FDA was responsible for enforcing the PPPA until 1973, when jurisdiction was transferred to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Because of FDA's authority to regulate labeling for prescription and nonprescription drug products, if firms choose to make statements in their labeling for such products about child-resistant packaging, such statements must comply with FDA's statutory and regulatory requirements. The guidance explains that to ensure that CRP statements on labeling are not false or misleading, such statements should only be used when the drug product packaging has been shown to comply with CPSC regulatory standards and test procedures for CRP, as applicable. This guidance is intended to apply to FDA-regulated drug products that bear CRP statements, regardless of whether CRP is required for such products under 16 CFR 1700. For example, bulk packages of prescription drugs that are shipped to pharmacies for repackaging by a pharmacist are not required to utilize CRP, but a firm may nevertheless choose to use CRP (and a CRP statement) for such drugs.

CPSC's regulations list "special packaging standards" for a wide range of household products, including most oral prescription drugs and many nonprescription drug products (see 16 CFR 1700 for substances requiring special packaging and the relevant packaging standards and testing procedures). It should be noted that "child-resistant" should not be equated with "child-proof," because CRP is not designed to completely eliminate the possibility of an accidental pediatric ingestion. It can only impede access to harmful products and is recognized by public health experts as only one component of preventing these events. There are different ways to make packaging child-resistant, with the most common forms being a child-resistant closure (e.g., a "safety cap") and certain unit-dose blister packaging (e.g., puncture-resistant and peel-push blisters). FDA advocates that all drugs, irrespective of the type of packaging, be stored

safely out of reach and sight of children to further the overall public health efforts to address this safety issue.

Because health care professionals and consumers may not be able to determine on visual inspection whether the packaging is child-resistant, a labeling statement may help to identify this attribute. Therefore, in this guidance, we recommend text that may be appropriate to consider when including CRP statements in labeling. All of the stakeholder comments on the draft guidance were carefully reviewed and, where appropriate, clarifying edits were made in the final guidance.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on "Child-Resistant Packaging Statements in Drug Product Labeling." It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The collection of information for submitting labeling in original and supplemental new drug applications (NDAs), and abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs), and biologics license applications (BLAs) in 21 CFR 314.50(e) and (l), 314.94(a)(8), 314.70, and 314.97, and 21 CFR 601.2 and 601.12 has been approved under OMB control number 0910-0001 and 0910-0338, respectively. The collection of information for preparing prescription drug product labeling under 21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57 has been approved under

OMB control number 0910-0572. The collection of information for Drug Facts labeling under 21 CFR 201.66 has been approved under OMB control number 0910-0340. The collection of information for Medication Guides has been approved under OMB control number 0910-0393. The collection of information for submitting chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information in original and supplemental NDAs, ANDAs, and BLAs in 21 CFR 314.50(d)(1), 314.94(a)(9), 314.70, and 314.97, and 21 CFR 601.2 and 601.12 has been approved under OMB control number 0910-0001 and 0910-0338, respectively.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidance at either <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>, <http://www.fda.gov/BioLogicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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